

2002 Census of Agriculture Congressional District Profile

Correction issued January 2005. See Economic Characteristics table.

District 8, Maryland

Number of farms: 293

Land in farms: 41,737 acres

Average size of farm: 142 acres

Irrigated Land: 494 acres

Total Number of Farm Operators: 472

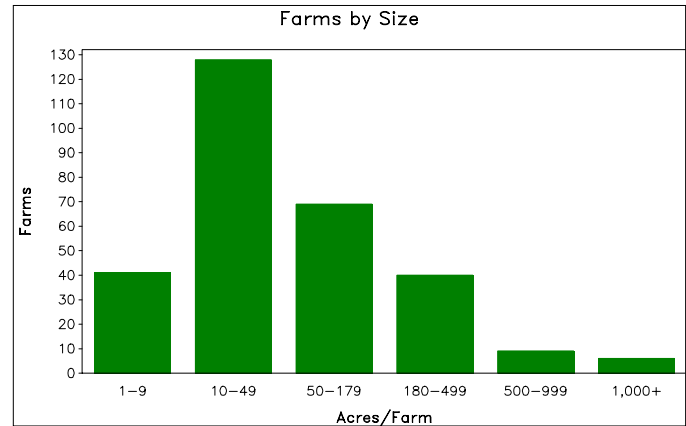
Market Value of Production: \$10,267,000

Market Value of Production, average per farm: \$35,040

Government Payments: \$706,000

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments: \$13,571

Gross Income from Farm Related Sources: \$1,817,000



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United States Department of Agriculture, Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 8 congressional districts in the state, and among the 435 congressional districts in the U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	10,267	6	8	366	418
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) ²					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,938	5	8	237	371
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	106
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	111
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	746	5	8	325	398
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	976	4	8	264	403
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,764	8	8	381	415
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	112	6	8	226	349
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	382
Cattle and calves	337	6	8	332	389
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,205	5	7	290	339
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	8	(D)	372
Sheep, goats, and their products	47	6	8	286	380
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	381	5	8	305	398
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	321
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,952	6	8	320	394
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	4	8	(D)	354
Horses and ponies	1,371	5	8	309	408
Layers 20 weeks old and older	925	4	8	317	387
Sheep and lambs	287	7	8	315	383
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	8,876	4	8	165	269
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,910	4	8	293	391
Corn for grain	4,878	6	8	224	327
All Wheat for grain	3,376	4	8	212	323
All Vegetables harvested	910	5	8	262	398

Other Congressional District Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	106	Farming	150
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38	Other	143
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Male	220
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	73
\$25,000 to \$39,999 ³	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999 ³	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	All operators ⁴ by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	432
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) ³	10,958	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$) ³	49,360	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,455	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	6,554	All operators ⁴ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of congressional districts in state or U.S. with item.

² Categories are not comprehensive and will not sum to total.

³ Value corrected January 2005.

⁴ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.